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Washington Field Office
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters

ATTENTION : ~~████████████████████~~
Chief, Special Activities Division

SUBJECT : PROJECT RESISTANCE
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1. On 2 March 1969, a confidential informant, who is employed as a teacher and head of department with the District of Columbia Public School System, provided Special Agent ~~████████████████████~~ this office with the following information.

2. Black militant and extreme leftist activity within the D.C. School System has dramatically increased within the past six months. A slogan being utilized to rally the students is for them to destroy "Caucasianism, Christianity and Capitalism." An individual who has been personally active at various high schools was identified as one CASSELL (fnu) and it was noted that this man recently was an unsuccessful candidate for the Washington, D. C. City Council. The informant also declared that the majority of teachers in the D.C. School System are members of the Teacher's Union and are openly sympathetic with the militancy program. The role of the Students for Democratic Society (SDS) has been almost negligible since the black leaders and students believe this organization to be white-controlled and, in fact, really not cognizant of the negro problem.

3. The informant further advised that many students of high school age are carrying firearms and will probably use these weapons at the slightest provocation. ~~████████████████████~~ cited an example

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of the shooting of two persons following a basketball game at Springarn High School and stated that the day after this occurrence two shotgun blasts were fired in the halls of that school. The latter incident was not revealed to the local news media and the individuals responsible have yet to be identified or apprehended. In this respect, militant leaders are urging all negro students not to cooperate with police or civil authorities. The informant believed that, if the current trend remains unchecked, there is a good chance of summer civil disorders in the Washington, D. C. area and that such outbreaks would be formulated by the young people.


Acting Special Agent in Charge

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